GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN CITIZENS IN BANGLADESH JAILS
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian citizens from West Bengal are oftencaught in Bangladesh on the charge of trespassing and are set to jails there;

(b) if so, whether the information about their arrest is sent to the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh;

(c) if so, whether the Government are also aware that none of the Indian Government authorities contact these prisoners and they are compelled to continue in Bangladeshi jails even after expiry of their term; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a)& (b) Yes. However, information regarding arrest of Indian nationals is not received promptly from local authorities.

(c) & (d) Immediately after receipt of information about arrest of Indian nationals, all necessary action is taken by the Indian High Commission in Dhaka for their speedy repatriation to India after confirmation of their identity.